

THE Renotarian

Rotary
Club of Reno



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We Meet on Monday's at noon at the Atlantis Casino Resort

Monday's Program

Dana Searcy, MBA, CPM

Nevada Cares Campus



Dana Searcy is the Division Director for Washoe County Housing and Homeless Services. She began her career with the County in 2017 after serving

the community in the non-profit sector for more than 10 years.

Dana managed the Washoe County Strategic Plan and worked on various community projects as a Special Projects Manager prior to being asked to support the transition of Washoe County into the lead role for Regional Homeless Services. These past three years have included the shift of the Continuum of Care and Nevada Cares Campus from the City of Reno to Washoe County; the development of the Housing and Homeless Services Division including hiring 44 new staff and the expansion of the Nevada Cares Campus through a \$80 million construction project; and a merger into the Washoe County Human Services Agency uniting the women and family shelter, OUR Place, with the division.

Dana's education includes a Master of Business Administration, a Bachelor of Science in

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Business Administration University of Nevada (UNR) and a Certified Public Manager (CPM) certification through the State of Nevada.

Dana is a native Nevadan and proud to live and serve locally with her husband and family.

Upcoming Events

Rotary Club of Reno Board Meeting

March 19, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Sunshine Litigation

Reno Rotary Foundation Board Meeting

March 21, 2024 | 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Dickson Commercial Realty

2024 Rotary District Conference

May 17-19, 2024

Grand Sierra Resort

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Upcoming Speakers

Ila Achtabowski

March 25, 2024

Nevada Women's Fund

Jim Faulds, Ph.D.

April 1, 2024

Geology of Reno/Sparks Area

The Rotary Club of Reno Officers and Directors

David Spillers	President
Laurie Leonard	President Elect
Carl Fuetsch	Executive Secretary
Kevin Melcher.....	Treasurer
Kirk Allaire	Director
Stacy Asteriadis	Director
Andrea Cantlon	Director
Julie Griffiths.....	Director
Kim Mazeres	Director
Richard Schreinert.....	Director

Committee Chairs

Club Administration.....	Carl Fuetsch
Community Service	Marlene Olsen
Finance	Kevin Melcher
Fundraising	Julie Griffiths
International Projects	Phil Mahoney
Marketing/PR.....	Oliver Grosz
Membership.....	Shenea Strader
Programs	Dave Bianchi, Jerry Hall
Social.....	Stacy Asteriadis
Sunshine	Stefanie Scoppettone
Vocational	John Tatum
Youth Services....	Kim Mazeres, Jon Olsen

Reno Rotary Foundation

Mike Blakely	President
Corry Castaneda	Ex-officio RRF P. Pres.
David Spillers.....	Ex-officio RCR President
Laurie Leonard ...	Ex-officio RCR Pres. Elect
Steve Kent.....	Vice President
Anne-Louise Bennett	Trustee
Dave Gallagher.....	Trustee
Oliver Grosz.....	Trustee
Charlie Dodson	Trustee
Art Rangel	Trustee
Stefanie Scoppettone	Trustee
Carl Fuetsch.....	Secretary
Kevin Melcher.....	Treasurer
John Spears	Investments

Newsletter/Website

David Spillers	Newsletter Editor
Julie Griffiths	Web-master
Alex Phillips	Web-master
Oliver Grosz	Reno Rotary Roundup

Last Meeting Volunteers

Thought of the Day:.....	Chesa Keane
Pledge:	Alex Phillips
Scanner	Gary Warren
Sergeant At Arms	Phil Mahoney
Cashier	Colburn Shindell
Photographer.....	Karen Grosz
Raffle.....	Anne-Louise Bennett
Secretary.....	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down	Anne-Louise Bennett
Set Up/Take Down	Carl Fuetsch
Set Up/Take Down	Mike Blakely

Honor Roll

Carl Fuetsch	\$500
Kim Mazeres.....	\$100



Rotary

RYLA

RYLA APPLICATIONS

Camp RYLA 2024 Dates:

Week 1: June 16 – 21

Week 2: June 23 – June 28

The RYLA committee is currently accepting applications for participants to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awakening (RYLA) to be held this summer in Grizzly Ranch by Portola. **The deadline to submit applications is March 15.** It is a week-long camp in which campers will learn skills including leadership, teamwork, communication and self-awareness. *Participants must currently be a junior or senior in high school.* In addition to Reno High School, other high schools will be considered. We encourage students who are related to our club members to apply. Please contact Tom Taelour for more information 775-771-4008 or ttaelour@character.net. Info: www.Camp-RYLA.org

Rotary Club of Reno Board of Director Candidates Vote for 3 on March 25, 2024

Andrea Cantlon

Andrea is a native of northern Nevada with more than 25 years of industry experience. She attended the University of Nevada, Reno and is a graduate of the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Reno-Sparks Program, class of 2010.

Prior to joining LP Insurance in 2015, Andrea was a Private Banker with Mutual of Omaha Bank where she specialized in providing comprehensive banking solutions to high net worth individuals and businesses. At LP Insurance she is responsible for leading the Surety Division throughout the LP Insurance footprint by developing new business relationships as well as retaining and servicing existing clients, offering expertise for all their bond needs. In 2021, Andrea became an owner/member of LP Insurance Services LLC.

Andrea is an active member of the Truckee Meadows, supporting the Rotary Club of Reno, Western Industrial Nevada (WIN), the Nevada Women's Fund, CARE Chest of Sierra Nevada, and the Associated General Contractors' Women in Construction committee. She also leads the Mule Deer Foundation Ladies Chapter in Reno, NV.

Andrea is an avid sports fan and enjoys camping as well as spending time with her friends and dogs exploring the Nevada wilderness.

Chesa Keane

Chesa's company, TAO Consultants Inc, was established in 1983 and was an early entry into computer installation and training for individuals and companies on personal computer systems.

TAO was also one of the first companies in the area to offer web design. Over the years the company expanded into high-end accounting systems, search engine optimization and online reputation management.

Chesa now has three other companies through which she offers WordPress website hosting (Design Plus Tech Web), eBay auto accessories (Trickup Ready) and pet sitting (Park-a-Pet).

Chesa was first introduced to Rotary as a GSE team member going to India in 1996. The next decision was easily made: Join Rotary and lead a team to some other country. She joined Rotary in 2010 and, indeed, did go on another GSE trip in 2013, the last year Rotary had a GSE program, back to India. The exciting part was seeing the changes in India over 17 years.

Chesa's focus has always been on Youth programs, Rotary Youth Exchange in particular, somehow getting tagged as the RYE counselor for the Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset (RCS) – before she even knew what R.Y.E. stood for. She also became the Chair for Truckee Meadows RYE Committee in the Reno/Sparks/Tahoe area from 2015 - 2019. That group was disbanded a few years later. In 2019, she was appointed the RYE Executive Secretary for District 5190. Chesa moved to the Rotary Club of Reno in November 2023.

Other Rotary involvement:

- Youth Services chair from 2011 – 2020 (RCS)
- Secretary from 2011 – 2020 (RCS)
- President from 2021 – 2022 (RCS)
- Paul Harris Sustaining Member / Every Rotarian Every Year
- Paul Harris +8
- Bequest/Legacy Society & Benefactor
- During my year as president, RCS was designated a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

I appreciate the welcome that Rotary Club of Reno has extended to me. I am excited to continue my desire to be of service through the Reno club.

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Shenea Strader

A second generation Rotarian, Shenea is passionate about volunteering for organizations and causes that are near and dear to her. Currently she serves on the University of Nevada Alumni Council, as well as the University of Nevada Foundation Board of Trustees, and Delta Gamma Fraternity Cabinet. Shenea has been a member of the Rotary Club of Reno since 2022, and currently serves as chair of the Membership Committee. She was a founding member and past President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Rotaract Club of Reno, past District 5190 Rotaract Representative, and also a former member of the Rotary Club of Reno Centennial Sunset.

Professionally, she is the owner and Administrator of her family business, High Desert Therapists, Inc. and has a background in project and program management.

Shenea is married to her husband of 14 years, Chris, and together they have twin five year olds, Siena and Silas.



Chesa Keane gave the Thought of the Day at our last meeting. Thank you, Chesa!

Collection Bin at the Meeting



OUR PLACE

UNLOCKING A BETTER TOMORROW

OUR Place is the largest emergency housing provider for women and families in our community. We provide shelter and wrap around services for 138 women, 38 families, 28 seniors, and all of their animal companions every day.

Items always needed:

Tampons/Pads
Infant/Adult Diapers
Baby Wipes
Hand/Body Lotion
Chap Stick/Lip Balms
Beauty Supplies
Deodorants
Razors/Shaving Cream or Gel
Combs/Brushes

Cold weather clothing for women/children

NEW Women's underwear any size

Bras any size

Shoes/boots (no heels)



Sarah Elliott shared some of her life story with the club. Thank you, Sarah!

Help Rotary Recruit Peace and Development Leaders

Applications for the 2025 Rotary Peace Fellowships are open until 15 May.

While it may seem these days that peace is farther away than ever, Rotary International has always been committed to promoting the conditions that lead to peace, including all of the projects we support in our areas of focus. One of the most important initiatives of Rotary is through fellowships to attend our Rotary Peace Centers. District 5190 Peace Fellowships Committee is now seeking candidates for the Rotary Peace Fellowships Program.

Every year The Rotary Foundation awards these Fellowships to a select number of candidates who will study at one of 7 Peace Centers around the world. Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace.

The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses. Every club has probably had one or more speakers for their weekly programs who might be excellent candidates, and we encourage you to reach out to these individuals to ask them to consider applying for this excellent opportunity to build their skills in either a 15-23-month Master's Degree or in a 10-week Certificate program.

Successful candidates in the past have had a proven track record of community or international service, or dealing with conflict either on an individual or group level. The ideal candidate would have:

- Relevant professional experience in peacebuilding and/or development

These are the people who often present at our club meetings and shine as leaders in our communities. Our committee welcomes any recommendations you might have in order for the committee to give guidance to potential applicants well in advance of the May 15, 2024, application deadline.

For more information go to:

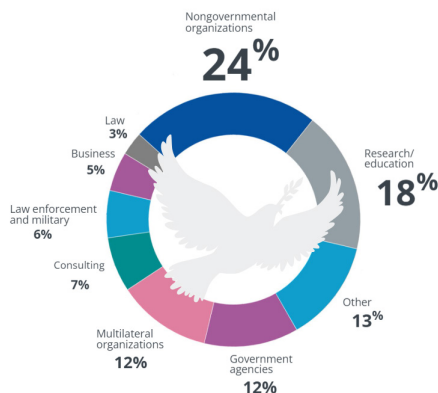
<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>, and the application page: <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application>

or contact:

Oliver Grosz

Rotary District 5190 Peace Fellowships Chair
Ogrosz39@gmail.com

Where Rotary Peace Center alumni work



Thanks to generous support from donors and the dedicated participation of Rotary members, the peace fellowship program has more than 1,700 alumni working to make positive change in more than 140 countries.

Notes

Rotary People of Action

Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

WE CONNECT PEOPLE

Rotary unites more than a million people

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

WE TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES

We take action locally and globally

Each day, our members pour their passion, integrity, and intelligence into completing projects that have a lasting impact. We persevere until we deliver real, lasting solutions.

WE SOLVE PROBLEMS

No challenge is too big for us

For more than 110 years, we've bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease.

the **4** way test

Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Rotary started with the vision of one man — Paul Harris. The Chicago attorney formed the Rotary Club of Chicago on 23 February 1905, so professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities.



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